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THE OLDER POPULATION IN ILLINOIS

Illinois ranks sixth in total 65+ population, behind California, New York, Florida, Pennsylvania and Texas, respectively.

About one in every nine persons in Illinois is age 65 or over — a total of 1,261,885 persons. In this century the percent of Illinois' population 65+ almost tripled (4% in 1900 to 11% in 1980).

The "old older" population in Illinois is growing older. In 1900, 28% of 65+ were age 75+. In 1980, nearly 40% of the population 65+ were age 75+.

In 1980, 46.3% of Illinois' 60+ population resided in Cook County, while 27.2% resided in the City of Chicago. Of the state's 60+ population, 59.2% reside in Cook and surrounding counties.

In 1900, in both Illinois and the United States, older men actually outnumbered women by a slight margin. Illinois figures in 1980 were 60.7% women and 39.3% men for the 65+ population.

Illinois' Older Population in the 20th Century:

Year	Total 65+	Men	Women
1900	<u>190,639</u>	97,151	93,488
1930	421,073	207,992	213,081
1960	974,923	439,095	535,828
1970	1,095,922	452,659	643,263
1980	1,261,885	495,934	765,951

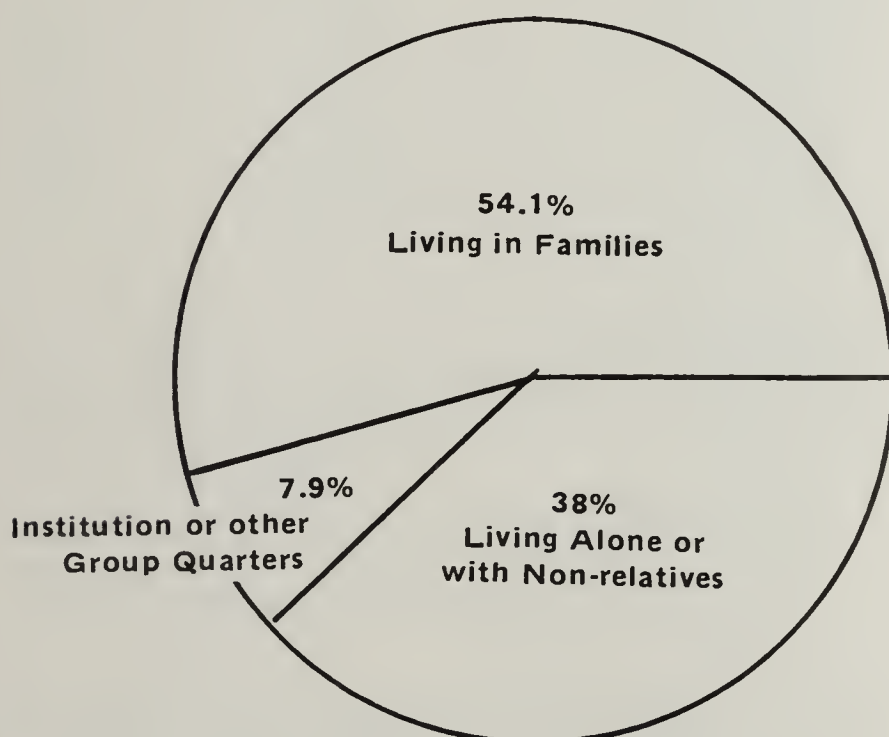
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

The majority of persons 65+ live with family (54.1%).

Thirty-eight percent of the older population 65+ live alone or with non-relatives.

Of all persons 65+, 7.9% live in institutions or group quarters.

Living Arrangements of Persons 65+ in Illinois:



NOTE: As of September, 1980, there are 867 Long-Term Care Facilities in Illinois. These facilities have a total of 101,487 beds.

422 — Skilled Nursing Facilities
358 — Intermediate Care Facilities
87 — Sheltered Care Facilities

INCOME STATUS

About 11.9% of Illinois' 65+ population (140,985) are below the poverty level.

(The 1979 poverty level was \$3,479 for an individual and \$4,389 for a couple.)

Senior citizens make up 21% of the “near poor” population in Illinois, meaning those living at the poverty level to 124% of the poverty level — \$5,782.

The majority of the “near poor” elderly (77%) live alone or in non-family households.

Twenty-three percent of all elderly households in Illinois are below or near poverty.

LIFE EXPECTANCY

The average life expectancy of white women increased by 29 years between 1900 and 1980; for white men the increase was 23 years.

Today, white female children can expect to live an average of 78 years, eight years longer than white males.

Life Expectancy 1920-1978

Year	Male	Female	Total
1920	53.6	54.6	54.1
1930	58.1	61.6	59.7
1940	60.8	65.2	62.9
1950	65.6	71.1	68.2
1960	66.6	73.1	69.7
1970	67.1	74.7	70.8
1978	69.5	77.2	73.3

RACE and ETHNIC COMPOSITION

The proportion of population 65+ varies by race and language — 12.3% of all whites are 65+, 6.5% of all blacks are 65+, and 2.7% of all persons of Spanish origin are 65+.

In 1980, 91.1% of Illinoisans 65+ were white, 8.7% were black, and 1.2% were other races.

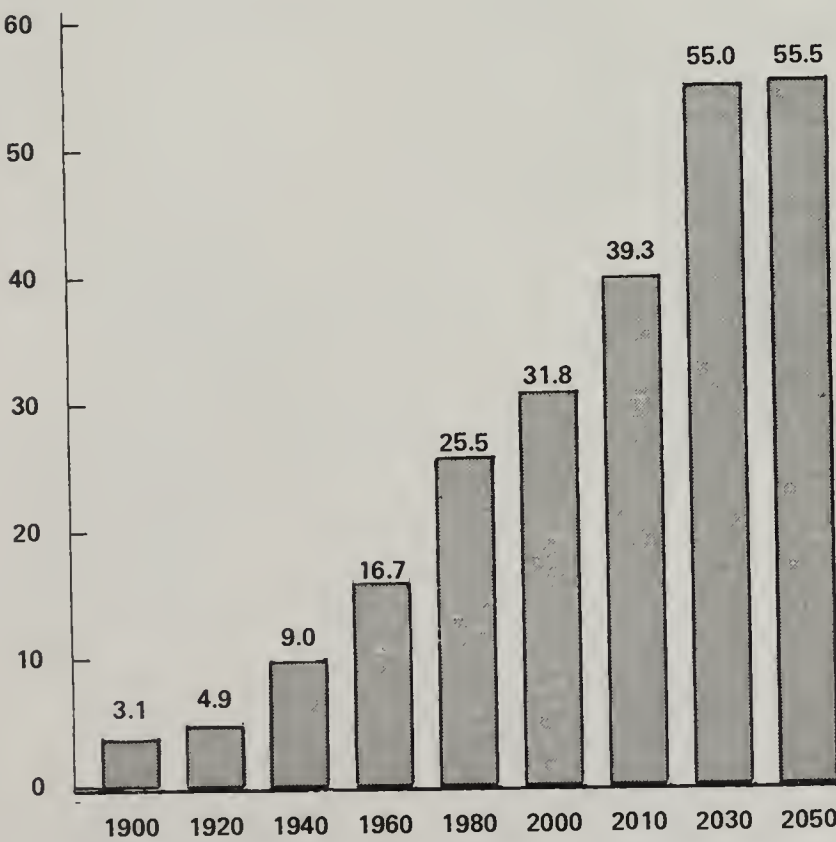
Ten percent of the 65+ population residing in the state are minorities. Approximately 27% of the 65+ population residing in the city of Chicago are minorities. In Cook County, 18% of the 65+ population are minorities.

FUTURE GROWTH IN THE U.S.

The older population is expected to continue to grow steadily. The most rapid increase is expected between the years 2010 and 2030 when the "baby boom" generation reaches 65.

By the year 2000, persons 65+ are expected to represent 12.2% of the population, and this percentage may climb to 18.3% by 2030.

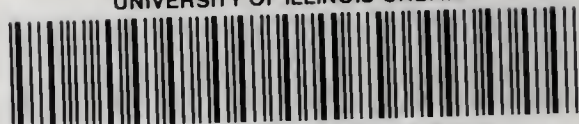
Number of Persons 65+ (in millions)



<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent of Total Population</u>
STATE TOTAL	1,261,885	11.0
AREA 1	65,503	11.0
Boone	2,939	10.3
Carroll	2,914	15.5
DeKalb	6,447	8.6
Jo Daviess	3,054	13.0
Lee	4,669	12.9
Ogle	5,452	11.8
Stephenson	6,850	13.8
Whiteside	7,585	11.5
Winnebago	25,593	10.2
AREA 2	157,146	7.8
DuPage	45,471	6.9
Grundy	3,320	10.9
Kane	25,320	9.1
Kankakee	11,099	10.8
Kendall	2,621	7.0
Lake	31,812	7.2
McHenry	13,511	9.1
Will	23,992	7.4
AREA 3	70,185	13.2
Bureau	6,183	15.8
Henry	7,594	13.1
Henderson	1,183	13.0
Knox	8,867	14.4
LaSalle	16,231	14.5
McDonough	4,381	11.7
Mercer	2,475	12.8
Putnam	698	11.5
Rock Island	19,338	11.7
Warren	3,235	14.7
AREA 4	49,927	11.6
Fulton	6,697	15.3
Marshall	2,156	14.9
Peoria	23,534	11.7
Stark	1,180	16.0
Tazewell	12,515	9.5
Woodford	3,845	11.5
AREA 5	92,522	11.6
Champaign	12,059	7.2
Clark	2,938	17.4
Coles	6,398	12.2
Cumberland	1,591	14.4
Douglas	2,623	13.3
Edgar	3,595	16.5
Ford	2,446	16.0

Older Population of Illinois Counties 1980 ACTUAL (65 years and over)

County	Number	Percent of Total Population
Iroquois	5,073	15.4
Livingston	5,711	13.8
Macon	15,324	11.7
McLean	11,554	9.7
Moultrie	2,367	16.3
Piatt	2,056	12.4
Shelby	3,747	15.7
Vermilion	12,471	13.1
DeWitt	2,569	14.2
AREA 6	21,790	16.3
Adams	10,735	15.0
Brown	1,087	20.1
Calhoun	1,097	18.7
Hancock	3,895	16.3
Pike	3,523	18.6
Schuyler	1,453	17.4
AREA 7	64,579	14.3
Cass	2,354	15.6
Christian	5,701	15.6
Greene	2,871	17.2
Jersey	2,418	11.8
Logan	4,695	14.7
Macoupin	8,141	16.5
Mason	2,733	14.0
Menard	1,707	14.6
Montgomery	5,437	17.2
Morgan	5,421	14.5
Sangamon	22,037	12.5
Scott	1,064	17.3
AREA 8	75,642	11.9
Bond	2,582	15.9
Clinton	3,986	12.2
Madison	29,261	11.8
Monroe	2,675	13.3
Randolph	5,115	14.3
St. Clair	29,245	10.9
Washington	2,778	18.0
AREA 9	22,952	15.5
Clay	2,797	18.3
Fayette	3,758	17.0
Effingham	4,000	12.9
Jefferson	5,575	15.3
Marion	6,822	15.7
AREA 10	23,194	17.3
Crawford	3,533	17.0
Edwards	1,410	17.7



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<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent of Total Population</u>
Jasper	1,831	16.2
Lawrence	3,256	18.3
Richland	2,727	15.5
Wabash	1,974	14.4
Wayne	3,227	17.9
White	3,408	19.1
AREA 11	45,992	15.7
Alexander	2,236	18.2
Franklin	7,931	18.4
Gallatin	1,239	16.3
Hardin	898	16.7
Jackson	6,068	9.9
Johnson	1,529	15.9
Massac	2,527	16.9
Perry	3,477	16.0
Pope	776	17.6
Pulaski	1,664	18.8
Saline	5,659	19.9
Union	3,426	19.3
Williamson	8,562	15.1
AREA 12		
Cook — (City of Chicago ONLY)	342,511	11.4
AREA 13		
Cook — (Except City of Chicago)	229,942	10.2

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